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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting on 1 November 1974

Mr. Proctor chaired. Substituting were [REDACTED]

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1. There will be no Executive Council Meeting on Friday, 8 November, [REDACTED]

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3. Mr. Proctor commented on the ominous developments in the Middle East. Mr. Lehman reported that those who would be involved in another Arab-Israeli Task Force will meet to iron out any potential procedural difficulties. Mr. Colby has cautioned the production offices to be wary of political deceptions designed to mask war preparations.

4. Various DDI officers had had to decline four requests from Mr. Thuermer for press briefings on the basis of lack of time. Mr. Proctor asked Office Chiefs to look into how much of a burden these briefings are and to report to him orally.

5. Mr. Proctor wants to know whether the Directorate wants to have a Family Day this fall. Office and Staff Chiefs were asked to report to [REDACTED] on the number of persons who would be likely to attend.

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6. Mr. Walsh reported on a recent Management Committee Meeting:

--The question of who should represent the CIA on the COINS Committee is back on the agenda with no decision on whether the member should be a technician or a user.

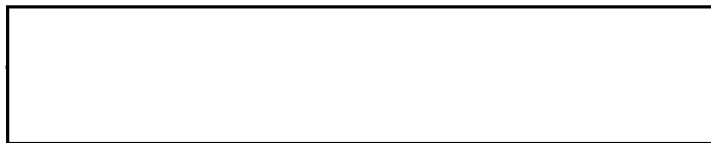
-- Mr. Colby passed out a paper on program audits. Nobody on the Audit Staff is qualified to do such audits and it may be necessary to call on annuitants.

-- Funds are quite tight. Five million dollars must still be cut from the budget this year. The Comptroller will make recommendations which will then be referred to the Deputies for approval.



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9. Mr. Proctor said he had signed off on the Soviet military burden paper and sent it to Secretary Schlesinger inviting his comments as an economist. Mr. Proctor would like to disseminate the paper more broadly, depending upon Schlesinger's reaction, and has asked OER and OSR to suggest further internal and personal dissemination.



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